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Subject: Late Grant Submittal Notice

Paula,

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) application for FY 2016 319 funding is expected to be submitted to EPA in August, 2016. The following key factors are contributing to the delay in the application submittal:

- DEQ lost and has been unable to replace two key non-point source staff who were critical in developing the Oregon Non-point Source Pollution Program Report Annual Report. This substantially delayed DEQ's completion of the annual report. EPA must review the annual report to establish if the State has made "satisfactory progress" in implementing the NPS program prior to awarding Section 319 funds. EPA expects to receive the annual report within the next couple of weeks.
- NOAA/EPA's January 2015 decision that Oregon did not have an approvable Coastal Non-point Pollution Control Program because additional forestry management measures were needed, resulted in a substantial penalty to the FY 2015 and FY 2016 319 funding. The amount of the penalty applied to the FY 2016 funding was determined in May 2016. The change to the funding resulted in a delayed DEQ-issued RFP for the 2016 grant applications. The RFP is intended to be issued on 06/27/16. Following the RFP, DEQ must go through its grants selection process so the selected grants can be included in its 319 application. This process will delay DEQ's 319 application submittal until August, 2016.

While I recognize that DEQ's late application clearly puts pressure on the grants unit for processing this application, assuming all goes well in the Watershed Unit's review, it is critical for EPA to award this grant by late September. Match for 319 dollars often comes from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board dollars and vice-versa. OWEB's next award is in October. If EPA's award is delayed beyond late September or early October, the timely alignment of state and federal dollars will not occur which could jeopardize the funding of critical water quality restoration and protection projects.

Please feel free to call me or Alan Henning if you have questions concerning this memo.

Thanks,

David